

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-26 are pending in this application. Claims 27-29 are canceled in this paper. Claim 2 was canceled in an Amendment under Article 34 PCT. No claims have been added. Claims 4-9, 11, 13, 17, 19 and 22 have been amended to correct improper multiple dependencies. Claims 27-29 have been canceled to correct improper omnibus claims. The remaining claims have been amended to place the claims in better U.S. form.

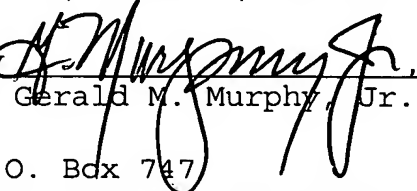
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Kecia Reynolds (Reg. No. 47,021) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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